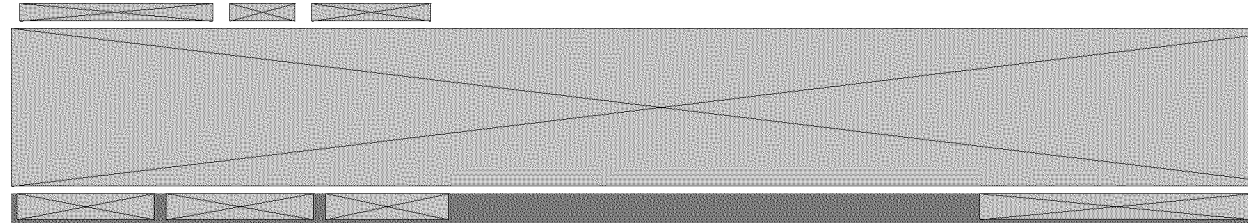


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[Over Job Losses From Air Regulations](#)

The Environmental Protection Agency did not adequately consider job losses when it issued various air pollution regulations impacting coal consumption, Murray Energy Corp. said in a notice of intent to sue the agency....

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[U.S. Among Governments Urging IMO](#)

[To Reconsider Delay of Nitrogen Limits](#)

The U.S. and other countries are urging the International Maritime Organization to reconsider a 2013 decision to delay for five years a requirement for new large ships to limit nitrogen oxides emissions....

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[After Omission From 2030 Climate Plan](#)

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The European Union has begun two research projects to help coastal communities reduce risks and increase resilience during weather-related extreme events....

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Obama Urged to Act Alone on Climate If Congress Unwilling to Pass Legislation

As President Barack Obama prepared to deliver his State of the Union address, advocates of greenhouse gas reductions urged the president to turn up the pressure on Congress to pass climate change legislation while demonstrating his willingness...

Drinking Water

States Identify \$230 Million Annual Shortfall To Meet Minimum Requirements of Programs

A gap of at least \$230 million exists between all resources available to states on an annual basis and those needed by them to meet minimum requirements of drinking water programs, according to a report released Jan. 27 by the Association for...

Endangered Species

Lawsuit Filed to Protect Marine Mammals From Navy Exercises With Sonar, Explosives

Environmental advocacy groups filed a lawsuit Jan. 27 to challenge the federal approval given to the U.S. Navy's five-year plan for training and testing off the coasts of Hawaii and Southern California (Natural Resources Defense Council...

Energy

Food Groups Ask Energy and Commerce To Pursue Renewable Fuels Legislation

The renewable fuel standard is "ultimately unworkable" and needs to be reformed, food industry groups said in a Jan. 27 letter to the House Energy and Commerce Committee....

Energy

LaFleur Would Like to be FERC Chairman; Active Market Enforcement Will Continue

Cheryl LaFleur, acting chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, said Jan. 27 that she would like to be promoted to commission chairman and plans to seek another term in June when her current term expires....

Energy

Republicans Seek Keystone Leverage As Vote on Debt Ceiling Approaches

House Republicans, set on extracting concessions from Democrats as the need to raise the U.S. debt limit approaches, are planning to develop a strategy at their annual legislative conference Jan. 29-31 in Cambridge, Md....

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Russian Government Approves Subsidies For Rare Earth Mineral Development Projects

The Russian government has approved subsidies aimed at stimulating investment to improve the competitiveness of a new rare earth minerals industry to meet domestic demand and create a new export market....

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[U.S. Supreme Court Declines to Review Florida Phosphate Mine Hearing Case](#)

The U.S. Supreme Court declined to review whether a Florida medical center's due process rights under the U.S. Constitution were violated when it was barred from presenting evidence of impacts to its property rights during a hearing on...

Pipeline Safety

[PHMSA to Post Facility Response Plans on Website](#)

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration will make oil pipeline facility response plans available to the public on its website, according to an advisory bulletin scheduled for publication Jan. 28. The regulations found...

Risk Assessment

[EPA Board Seeks Benzene Peer Reviewers](#)

The Environmental Protection Agency is seeking the nominations of toxicologists, epidemiologists, risk assessors and other scientists for a Science Advisory Board (SAB) peer-review committee. Nominations are due Feb. 18, according...

Risk Assessment

[Problem Formulation, Dose-Response Spur Workshop](#)

The Alliance for Risk Assessment expects to hold another workshop on two aspects of risk assessments: problem formulation and dose-response in May, the alliance said in a workshop report released online. The alliance is a collaboration of...

Security

[EPA Issues Interim Safety Advisory For Natural Gas Processing Facilities](#)

Some natural gas processing plants that handle and store liquefied petroleum gas may not be designed in accordance with applicable industry standards and codes, the Environmental Protection Agency said in an interim safety advisory....

Security

[Industry Urges Working Group to Reject Mandate for Inherently Safer Technologies](#)

Thirteen industry groups have asked the federal interagency group tasked with improving chemical safety and security in light of the West, Texas, fertilizer distributor explosion not to include any requirements for inherently safer technologies...

Storage Tanks

[Freedom Industries Inc. Ordered to Begin Removing Storage Tanks, Pipes by March 15](#)

West Virginia Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin (D) ordered Freedom Industries Inc., the company responsible for a chemical spill that contaminated drinking water for more than 300,000 people, to break down and remove all above-ground storage tanks,...

Superfund

[EPA Says \\$50 Million of Work Left at El Toro Site After Deleting 1,900 Acres From NPL](#)

There is at least \$50 million of remaining work left at the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station in Irvine, Calif., but the Environmental Protection Agency has cleaned up 1,900 acres and has removed that portion of the site from the Superfund National...

Technology

Chinese Catalog Lists Products, Techniques Considered Environmentally Friendly, Harmful

China's Ministry of Environmental Protection has issued a directory listing both highly polluting and environmentally friendly products and production techniques. ...

Toxic Substances

Canada Proposes Toxic Designation For BDTP, No Regulatory Action on Ethylene

The Canadian government has proposed a toxic designation for BDTP, a phenol used in paints and coatings, and the development of regulations to ensure its virtual elimination from the country's environment...

Toxic Substances

EU Commissioner Urges Transatlantic Work On Chemicals; Investor Consultation in March

The European Union and the U.S. can more effectively evaluate the safety of chemicals by sharing expertise, EU Trade Commissioner Karel De Gucht said in a speech in Dusseldorf, Germany, on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership...

Trade

Chinese Ministry Expresses 'Serious Concern' About U.S. Investigation Into Solar Trade

China's Ministry of Commerce has "serious concern" about a Jan. 23 decision by the U.S. Commerce Department to open active investigations into alleged subsidies and dumping of certain crystalline silicon photovoltaic solar...

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